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Application of: Putnam et al.

Application No.: 09/628,667

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For: SAMPLE ARRAYS AND HIGH-  
THROUGHPUT TESTING  
THEREOF TO DETECT  
INTERACTIONS

Attorney Docket No.: 10436-010-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.115 & 1.142**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action containing a ten-way restriction requirement, mailed October 1, 2001, and in accordance with Rules 115 and 142 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently with this preliminary amendment and response to restriction requirement including an Exhibit which set forth claims remaining following entry of this response; and a petition for extension of time with provision for the required fee.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-29 and 44-125, without prejudice.

Please add the following claim 126-128:

126. The method of claim 31, wherein the active component is a pharmaceutical.
127. The method of claim 32, wherein the property is solubility.